

Willard School Building Committee

The April 2006 Annual Town Meeting authorized \$1,840,000 for the design of a new Willard elementary school building. The design was brought to the Special Town meeting Nov. 5, 2007, with a recommendation for a construction authorization of \$29.4 million. The warrant article passed and a Town-wide ballot Nov. 14, 2007 approved the exclusion of this debt authorization from the property tax levy limit. The Willard School Building Committee completed the bid documents and specifications for an April 1, 2008 bid date.

During calendar year 2007, the Building Committee met on a regular basis, twice monthly on the first and third Wednesdays. In addition to committee members, the meetings were usually attended by citizens, the project manager from Daedalus Projects, Inc. Sean Fennell, and representa-

tives of the architectural firm, The Office of Michael Rosenfeld (OMR). Representatives of OMR usually included Michael Rosenfeld, Martin Kretsch, Chuck Koehler and Jon Richardson.

The committee is in the process of distributing plans and specifications to subcontractors and general contractors. This is the first project for which a pre-qualification process has been used by the Town for both subcontractor and general contractor prospective bidders, in accordance with State legislation (Chapter 193 of the Acts of 2004) applicable to all building projects exceeding \$10 million. The Committee expects to recommend a general contractor to the Town Manager by April 15, 2008. Construction is set to begin by the end of April. The opening of the new school is scheduled for Sept. 2009.

Willard School Project Budget

Est. construction cost.	\$ 24,300,000
Architectural services	2,400,000
Project management services	456,000
Technology equipment	611,273
Fixtures and furnishings	611,273
Construction contingency	1,215,000
All other	<u>431,454</u>
Subtotal	\$30,025,000

Bidding contingency*	<u>\$ 1,215,000</u>
Grand total	<u>\$ 31,240,000</u>

Design funds voted at 2006 Annual Town Meeting: \$ 1,840,000

Construction funds voted at

Nov. 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting: \$29,400,000

* Note: the bidding contingency is available only in the event and to the extent that the lowest eligible general contractor bid exceeds the estimate of \$24.3 million.